

## APPENDIX D: DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

### DEFINITIONS

**Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)** – A public service organization of licensed amateur radio operators who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment to provide emergency communications for public service events as needed.

**Commission on National and Community Service** – An office under the Executive Office of the Mayor that will run competitive grant processes and administer grant funds to local nonprofit or public organizations, institutions of higher education, and District government agencies.

**Consequence Management** – Predominantly an emergency management function and included measures to protect public health and safety, restore essential government services, and provide emergency relief to governments, businesses, and individuals affected by the consequences of terrorism. The requirements of consequence management and crisis management are combined in the NRP. See also **Crisis Management**.

**Council of Governments (COG)** – A regional organization of Metropolitan Washington area local governments composed of 17 local governments surrounding our nation's capital, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives

**Crisis Management** – Predominantly a law enforcement function and included measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat or act of terrorism. The requirements of consequence management and crisis management are combined in the NRP. See also **Consequence Management**.

**Critical Infrastructures (CI)** – Systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.

**Cyber** – Pertaining to computers and their support systems, such as servers, routers, and switches that support critical infrastructure.

**DC Public Service Commission** - An independent District Government agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate the electric, gas, and telephone companies in the District by functioning as a quasi-judicial agency.

**Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA).** Refers to DOD support, including Federal military forces, DOD civilians and DOD contractor personnel, and DOD agencies and components, for domestic emergencies and for designated law enforcement and other activities.

**Disaster Medical Assistance Team** – A group of medical professionals and support that stabilizes and transports victims of disasters.

**Disaster Mortuary Response Team** – A group of forensic specialists that provides victim identification and mortuary services.

**Emergency** – As defined by the Stafford Act, an emergency is “any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, Federal assistance is needed to supplement State and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.”

**Emergency Alert System (EAS)** – A system established by the FCC in November of 1994 to replace the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) as a tool the President and others might use to warn the public about emergency situations.

**Emergency Broadcast System (EBS)** – A system replaced by the EAS that was composed of AM, FM, and TV broadcast stations; low-power TV stations; and non-Government industry entities operating on a voluntary, organized basis during emergencies at national, state, or operational (local) area levels.

**Emergency Coordinating Officer (ECO)** – A person who manages the functions of the Emergency Operations Center.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC)** – The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support domestic incident management activities normally takes place. An EOC may be a temporary facility or may be located in a more central or permanently established facility, perhaps at a higher level of organization within a jurisdiction. EOCs may be organized by major functional disciplines (e.g., fire, law enforcement, and medical services), by jurisdiction (e.g., Federal, State, regional, county, city, tribal), or by some combination thereof.

**Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)** – The “steady-state” plan maintained by various jurisdictional levels for managing a wide variety of potential hazards.

**Emergency Support Function (ESF)** – A grouping of government and certain private-sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide the support, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely to be needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure, and help victims and communities return to normal, when feasible, following domestic incidents. The ESFs serve as the primary operational-level mechanism to provide assistance to State, local, and tribal governments or to Federal departments and agencies conducting missions of primary Federal responsibility.

**Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)** – An operations center usually established near the scene of a radiological emergency from which the federal field monitoring and assessment assistance is directed and coordinated.

**First Responder** – Local and nongovernmental police, fire, and emergency personnel who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency response providers as defined in section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel (such as equipment operators) who provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations. First responders may include personnel from Federal, State, local, tribal, or nongovernmental organizations.

**Geographic Information System (GIS)** – A computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, and displaying geographically referenced information, i.e. data identified according to their locations.

**Hazardous Material (HAZMAT)** – For the purposes of ESF #1, hazardous material is a substance or material, including a hazardous substance, that has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, and which has been so designated (see 49 CFR 171.8). For the purposes of ESF #10 and the Oil and Hazardous Materials Incident Annex, the term is intended to mean hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants as defined by the NCP.

**Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP)** – A program administered by the FEMA to provide grants to States and local governments for implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

**Incident** – An occurrence or event, natural or human caused, that requires an emergency response to protect life or property. Incidents can, for example, include major disasters, emergencies, terrorist attacks, terrorist threats, wild land and urban fires, floods, hazardous materials spills, nuclear accidents, aircraft accidents, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, tropical storms, war-related disasters, public health and medical emergencies, and other occurrences requiring an emergency response.

**Incident Action Plan (IAP)** – An oral or written plan containing general objectives reflecting the overall strategy for managing an incident. It may include the identification of operational resources and assignments. It may also include attachments that provide direction and important information for management of the incident during one or more operational periods.

**Incident Command System (ICS)** – A standardized on-scene emergency management construct specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents, without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating with a common organizational structure, designed to aid in the management of resources during incidents. ICS is used for all kinds of emergencies and is applicable to small, as well as large, and complex incidents. ICS is used by various jurisdictions and functional agencies, both public and private, or organized field-level incident management operations.

**Incident of National Significance (INS)** – Based on criteria established in HSPD-5 (paragraph 4), an actual or potential high-impact event that requires a coordinated and effective response by and in appropriate combination of Federal, State, local, tribal, nongovernmental, and/or private-sector entities in order to save lives and minimize damage, and to provide the basis for long-term community recovery and mitigation activities.

**Joint Field Office (JFO)** – A temporary Federal facility established locally to provide a central point for Federal, State, local, and tribal executives with responsibility for incident oversight, direction, and/or assistance to effectively coordinate protection, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery actions. The JFO will combine the traditional functions of the JOC, the FEMA DFO, and the JIC within a single Federal facility.

**Joint Information Center (JIC)** – A facility established to coordinate all incident-related public information activities. It is the central point of contact for all news media at the scene of the incident. Public information officials from all participating agencies should collocate at the JIC.

**Liaison Officer** – A member of the Command Staff responsible for coordinating with representatives from cooperating and assisting agencies.

**Mitigation** – Activities designed to reduce or eliminate risks to persons or property or to lessen the actual or potential effects or consequences of an incident. Mitigation measures may be implemented prior to, during, or after an incident. Mitigation measures are often developed in accordance with lessons learned from prior incidents. Mitigation involves ongoing actions to reduce exposure to, probability of, or potential loss from hazards. Measures may include zoning and building codes,

floodplain buyouts, and analysis of hazard-related data to determine where it is safe to build or locate temporary facilities. Mitigation can include efforts to educate governments, businesses, and the public on measures they can take to reduce loss and injury

**National Incident Management System (NIMS)** – A system mandated by HSPD-5 that provides a consistent, nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments; the private sector; and NGOs to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. To provide for interoperability and compatibility among Federal, State, local, and tribal capabilities, the NIMS includes a core set of concepts, principles, and terminology. HSPD-5 identifies these as: the ICS; multi-agency coordination systems; training; identification and management of resources (including systems for classifying types of resources); qualification and certification; and the collection, tracking, and reporting of incident information and incident resources.

**National Response Plan (NRP)** – The NRP establishes a process and structure for the systematic, coordinated, and effective delivery of federal assistance to address the consequences of any major disaster or emergency declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code [USC], et seq.). The NRP Terrorism Incident Annex defines the organizational structures used to coordinate crisis management with consequence management. (Source: NRP Terrorism Incident Annex, April 1999)

**National Response Team (NRT)** – The NRT, comprised of the 16 Federal agencies with major environmental and public health responsibilities, is the primary vehicle for coordinating Federal agency activities under the NCP. The NRT carries out national planning and response coordination and is the head of a highly organized Federal oil and hazardous substance emergency response network. EPA serves as the NRT Chair, and DHS/USCG serves as Vice Chair.

**Preparedness** – The range of deliberate, critical tasks and activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the operational capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents. Preparedness is a continuous process involving efforts at all levels of government and between government and private sector and nongovernmental organizations to identify threats, determine vulnerabilities, and identify required resources.

**Prevention** – Actions taken to avoid an incident or to intervene to stop an incident from occurring. Prevention involves actions taken to protect lives and property. It involves applying intelligence and other information to a range of activities that may include such countermeasures as deterrence operations; heightened inspections; improved surveillance and security operations; investigations to determine the full nature and source of the threat; public health and agricultural surveillance and testing

processes; immunizations, isolation, or quarantine; and, as appropriate, specific law enforcement operations aimed at deterring, preempting, interdicting, or disrupting illegal activity and apprehending potential perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

**Recovery** – The development, coordination, and execution of service- and site-restoration plans for impacted communities and the reconstitution of government operations and services through individual, private sector, nongovernmental, and public assistance programs that: identify needs and define resources; provide housing and promote restoration; address long-term care and treatment of affected persons; implement additional measures for community restoration; incorporate mitigation measures and techniques, as feasible; evaluate the incident to identify lessons learned; and develop initiatives to mitigate the effects of future incidents.

**Response** – Activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident. Response includes immediate actions to save lives, protect property, and meet basic human needs. Response also includes the execution of emergency operations plans and of incident mitigation activities designed to limit the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and other unfavorable outcomes. As indicated by the situation, response activities include: applying intelligence and other information to lessen the effects or consequences of an incident; increased security operations; continuing investigations into the nature and source of the threat; ongoing public health and agricultural surveillance and testing processes; immunizations, isolation, or quarantine; and specific law enforcement operations aimed at preempting, interdicting, or disrupting illegal activity, and apprehending actual perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

**Terrorism** – Any activity that (1) involves an act that (a) is dangerous to human life or potentially destructive of critical infrastructure or key resources; and (b) is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State or other subdivision of the United States; and (2) appears to be intended (a) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (b) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (c) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping.

**Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)** – Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than 4 ounces, or a missile having an explosive incendiary charge of more than 0.25 ounce, or mine or device similar to the above; poison gas; weapon involving a disease organism; or weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life. (Source: 18 USC 2332a as referenced in 18 USC 921).

**ACRONYMS****A** \_\_\_\_\_**AEOC** Alternate Emergency Operations Center**AFB** Air Force Base**ANCs** Advisory Neighborhood Commissions**ARC** American Red Cross**ARES** Amateur Radio Emergency Services**ARG** Accident Response Group**ARL** Advance Recovery Liaison**B** \_\_\_\_\_**BDC** Bomb Data Center**BOMA** Building Owners and Managers Association**C** \_\_\_\_\_**CBRNE** Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**CDRG** Catastrophic Disaster Response Group**CDU** Civil Disturbance Units**CEMP** Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**CEO** Chief Executive Officer**CERCLA** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**CFO** Chief Financial Officer**CFSA** Child and Family Services Agency**CHEMTREC** Chemical Transportation Emergency Center**CHPPM** Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine**CIRG** Crisis Incident Response Group**CISD** Critical Incident Stress Debriefing**CISM** Critical Incident Stress Management

|               |                                                                  |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CMC</b>    | Command Management Center                                        |
| <b>CMT</b>    | Consequence Management Team                                      |
| <b>CMU</b>    | Crisis Management Unit                                           |
| <b>CNCS</b>   | DC Commission on National and Community Service                  |
| <b>CoM</b>    | Consequence Management                                           |
| <b>COG</b>    | Continuity of Government                                         |
| <b>COG</b>    | Council of Governments                                           |
| <b>CoU</b>    | Consortium of Universities                                       |
| <b>CPO</b>    | Chief Procurement Officer                                        |
| <b>CrM</b>    | Crisis Management                                                |
| <b>CRU</b>    | Crisis Response Unit                                             |
| <b>CWS</b>    | Church World Services                                            |
| <b>D</b>      |                                                                  |
| <b>DC</b>     | District of Columbia                                             |
| <b>DCEO</b>   | District of Columbia Energy Office                               |
| <b>DEST</b>   | Domestic Emergency Support Team                                  |
| <b>DCHA</b>   | District of Columbia Hospital Association                        |
| <b>DCHA</b>   | District of Columbia Housing Authority                           |
| <b>DCLEPC</b> | District of Columbia Local Emergency Planning Council            |
| <b>DCMR</b>   | District of Columbia Municipal Regulations                       |
| <b>DCNG</b>   | District of Columbia National Guard                              |
| <b>DCCO</b>   | DC Coordinating Officer                                          |
| <b>DCOA</b>   | District of Columbia Office on Aging                             |
| <b>DCOP</b>   | District of Columbia Office of Personnel                         |
| <b>DCPL</b>   | District of Columbia Public Libraries                            |
| <b>DCPS</b>   | District of Columbia Public Schools                              |
| <b>DCRA</b>   | Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs                    |
| <b>DCT</b>    | Donations Coordination Team                                      |
| <b>DCVOAD</b> | District of Columbia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters |



|              |                                                   |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>DCWSA</b> | District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority    |
| <b>DDOT</b>  | District Department of Transportation             |
| <b>DFOLT</b> | Disaster Field Office Liaison Team                |
| <b>DHCD</b>  | Department of Housing and Community Development   |
| <b>DHHS</b>  | Department of Health and Human Services           |
| <b>DHS</b>   | Department of Human Services                      |
| <b>DISR</b>  | Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation |
| <b>DMAT</b>  | Disaster Medical Assistance Team                  |
| <b>DMCR</b>  | Disaster Management Central Resource              |
| <b>DMH</b>   | Department of Mental Health                       |
| <b>DMORT</b> | Disaster Mortuary Response Team                   |
| <b>DMV</b>   | Department of Motor Vehicles                      |
| <b>DOC</b>   | Department of Corrections                         |
| <b>DOD</b>   | Department of Defense                             |
| <b>DOE</b>   | Department of Energy                              |
| <b>DOES</b>  | Department of Employment Services                 |
| <b>DOH</b>   | Department of Health                              |
| <b>DOJ</b>   | Department of Justice                             |
| <b>DOT</b>   | Department of Transportation                      |
| <b>DPR</b>   | Department of Parks and Recreation                |
| <b>DPW</b>   | Department of Public Works                        |
| <b>DRP</b>   | District Response Plan                            |

**E**

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>EAS</b> | Emergency Alert System           |
| <b>EBS</b> | Emergency Broadcast System       |
| <b>ECC</b> | Emergency Communications Center  |
| <b>ECO</b> | Emergency Coordinating Officer   |
| <b>EEI</b> | Essential Element of Information |
| <b>ELO</b> | ESF Liaison Officer              |
| <b>EMA</b> | Emergency Management Agency      |

|                 |                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EMS</b>      | Emergency Medical Services                                 |
| <b>EMT</b>      | Emergency Medical Technician                               |
| <b>EOC</b>      | Emergency Operations Center                                |
| <b>EOF</b>      | Emergency Operations Facility                              |
| <b>EOM</b>      | Executive Office of the Mayor                              |
| <b>EOP</b>      | Emergency Operations Plan                                  |
| <b>EPA</b>      | Environmental Protection Agency                            |
| <b>EPC</b>      | Emergency Preparedness Council                             |
| <b>ERP</b>      | Emergency Response Plan                                    |
| <b>ERT</b>      | Emergency Response Team                                    |
| <b>ERT-A</b>    | Emergency Response Team – Advance Element                  |
| <b>ERTU</b>     | Evidence Response Team Unit                                |
| <b>ESF</b>      | Emergency Support Function                                 |
| <b>ESP</b>      | Essential Service Protection                               |
| <b>EST</b>      | Emergency Support Team                                     |
| <b>ETC</b>      | Emergency Transportation Coordinator                       |
| <b>F</b>        |                                                            |
| <b>FBI</b>      | Federal Bureau of Investigation                            |
| <b>FBI-JTTF</b> | Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force |
| <b>FBIOSC</b>   | FBI On-Scene Commander                                     |
| <b>FCO</b>      | Federal Coordinating Officer                               |
| <b>FEMA</b>     | Federal Emergency Management Agency                        |
| <b>FEMS</b>     | Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department             |
| <b>FEST</b>     | Foreign Emergency Support Team                             |
| <b>FMA</b>      | Fleet Management Administration                            |
| <b>FMAP</b>     | Flood Mitigation Assistance Program                        |
| <b>FMARS</b>    | Fire Mutual Aid Response System                            |
| <b>FHMO</b>     | Federal Hazard Mitigation Officer                          |
| <b>FOIA</b>     | Freedom Of Information Act                                 |
| <b>FOMA</b>     | Facilities Operations Maintenance Administration           |

---

|                |                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FRMAC</b>   | Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center |
| <b>FRMAP</b>   | Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Plan   |
| <b>FS</b>      | Forest Service                                        |
| <b>FTS</b>     | Federal Telecommunications System                     |
| <b>G</b> _____ |                                                       |
| <b>GETS</b>    | Government Emergency Telecommunications Service       |
| <b>GIS</b>     | Geographic Information System                         |
| <b>GSA</b>     | General Services Administration                       |
| <b>GWUMC</b>   | George Washington University Medical Center           |
| <b>H</b> _____ |                                                       |
| <b>HazMat</b>  | Hazardous Materials                                   |
| <b>HECC</b>    | Health Emergency Coordination Center                  |
| <b>HFA</b>     | Housing Finance Agency                                |
| <b>HMARS</b>   | Hospital Municipal Aid Radio System                   |
| <b>HMGP</b>    | Hazard Mitigation Grants Program                      |
| <b>HMRU</b>    | Hazardous Materials Response Unit                     |
| <b>HQ</b>      | Headquarters                                          |
| <b>HRT</b>     | Hostage Rescue Team (CIRG)                            |
| <b>HS GP</b>   | Homeland Security Grant Program                       |
| <b>HTIS</b>    | Hazardous Technical Information Services (DoD)        |
| <b>HUH</b>     | Howard University Hospital                            |
| <b>I</b> _____ |                                                       |
| <b>IC</b>      | Incident Commander                                    |
| <b>ICS</b>     | Incident Command System                               |
| <b>ICT</b>     | Incident Command Team                                 |
| <b>IED</b>     | Improvised Explosive Device                           |
| <b>IMS</b>     | Incident Management System                            |
| <b>IND</b>     | Improvised Nuclear Device                             |
| <b>INS</b>     | Immigration and Naturalization Service                |
| <b>IRAP</b>    | Interagency Radiological Assistance Plan              |

---

|               |                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>IRC</b>    | Information Resource Commission                |
| <b>IST</b>    | Incident Support Team                          |
| <b>J</b>      |                                                |
| <b>JCE</b>    | Joint Coordinating Element                     |
| <b>JFO</b>    | Joint Field Office                             |
| <b>JIC</b>    | Joint Information Center                       |
| <b>JOC</b>    | Joint Operations Center                        |
| <b>L</b>      |                                                |
| <b>LAN</b>    | Local Area Network                             |
| <b>LFA</b>    | Lead Federal Agency                            |
| <b>LHMO</b>   | Local Hazard Mitigation Offices                |
| <b>LHMS</b>   | Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy               |
| <b>M</b>      |                                                |
| <b>MAC</b>    | Mapping and Analysis Center                    |
| <b>MARS</b>   | Mutual Aid Resource System                     |
| <b>MCI</b>    | Microwave Communications Incorporated          |
| <b>MDOT</b>   | Maryland Department of Transportation          |
| <b>MECC</b>   | Mobile Emergency Communications Center         |
| <b>MEDCOM</b> | Medical Command                                |
| <b>MERL</b>   | Mobile Emergency Radiological Laboratory       |
| <b>MME</b>    | Mass Migration Event                           |
| <b>MMRS</b>   | Metropolitan Medical Response System           |
| <b>MOA</b>    | Memorandum of Agreement                        |
| <b>MOU</b>    | Memorandum of Understanding                    |
| <b>MPD</b>    | Metropolitan Police Department                 |
| <b>MSU</b>    | Medical Support Unit                           |
| <b>MWCOG</b>  | Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments |
| <b>N</b>      |                                                |
| <b>NAP</b>    | Nuclear Assessment Program                     |
| <b>NAWAS</b>  | National Warning System                        |

---

|              |                                                                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NBC</b>   | Nuclear Biological Chemical                                                                  |
| <b>NCP</b>   | National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (National Contingency Plan) |
| <b>NCR</b>   | National Capital Region                                                                      |
| <b>NCS</b>   | National Communications System                                                               |
| <b>NDMS</b>  | National Disaster Medical System                                                             |
| <b>NDPO</b>  | National Domestic Preparedness Office                                                        |
| <b>NEST</b>  | Nuclear Emergency Search Team                                                                |
| <b>NETC</b>  | National Emergency Training Center                                                           |
| <b>NFA</b>   | National Fire Academy                                                                        |
| <b>NFIP</b>  | National Flood Insurance Program                                                             |
| <b>NGB</b>   | National Guard Bureau                                                                        |
| <b>NHC</b>   | National Hurricane Center                                                                    |
| <b>NHS</b>   | National Highway System                                                                      |
| <b>NMRT</b>  | National Medical Response Team                                                               |
| <b>NPS</b>   | National Park Service                                                                        |
| <b>NRC</b>   | Nuclear Regulatory Commission                                                                |
| <b>NRCC</b>  | National Response Coordination Center                                                        |
| <b>NRCS</b>  | National Resource Conservation Service                                                       |
| <b>NRP</b>   | National Response Plan                                                                       |
| <b>NRT</b>   | National Response Team                                                                       |
| <b>NSC</b>   | National Security Council                                                                    |
| <b>NSEP</b>  | National Security Emergency Preparedness                                                     |
| <b>NTIS</b>  | National Technical Information Service                                                       |
| <b>NWS</b>   | National Weather Service                                                                     |
| <b>O</b>     |                                                                                              |
| <b>OAG</b>   | Office of the Attorney General                                                               |
| <b>OAPIA</b> | Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs                                                 |
| <b>OC</b>    | Office of Communications                                                                     |
| <b>OCA</b>   | Office of the City Administrator                                                             |

|              |                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OCFO</b>  | Office of the Chief Financial Officer                             |
| <b>OCME</b>  | Office of the Chief Medical Examiner                              |
| <b>OCO</b>   | Office of Community Outreach                                      |
| <b>OCP</b>   | Office of Contracting and Procurement                             |
| <b>OCFO</b>  | Office of the Chief Financial Officer                             |
| <b>OCTO</b>  | Office of the Chief Technology Officer                            |
| <b>OCTT</b>  | Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications                 |
| <b>ODP</b>   | Office of Domestic Preparedness (Department of Homeland Security) |
| <b>OEP</b>   | Office of Emergency Preparedness                                  |
| <b>OFCEM</b> | Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology                 |
| <b>OIG</b>   | Office of the Inspector General (USDA)                            |
| <b>OLA</b>   | Office on Latino Affairs                                          |
| <b>OLBD</b>  | Office of Local Business Development                              |
| <b>OPGD</b>  | Office of Partnerships and Grants Development                     |
| <b>OPM</b>   | Office of Property Management                                     |
| <b>OSC</b>   | On-Scene Coordinator or On-Scene Commander                        |
| <b>P</b>     |                                                                   |
| <b>PAO</b>   | Public Assistance Officer                                         |
| <b>PDA</b>   | Preliminary Damage Assessment                                     |
| <b>PDAT</b>  | Preliminary Damage Assessment Team                                |
| <b>PDD</b>   | Presidential Decision Directive                                   |
| <b>PECN</b>  | Private Emergency Communications Network                          |
| <b>PEPCO</b> | Potomac Electric Power Company                                    |
| <b>PIO</b>   | Public Information Officer                                        |
| <b>PHS</b>   | Public Health Service                                             |
| <b>PMRS</b>  | Police Mutual Response System                                     |
| <b>POC</b>   | Point of Contact                                                  |
| <b>PSC</b>   | Public Service Commission                                         |
| <b>PSCC</b>  | Public Safety Communications Center                               |

---

|                |                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PSP</b>     | Protective Services Police                              |
| <b>R</b> _____ |                                                         |
| <b>R&amp;D</b> | Research and Development                                |
| <b>RAC</b>     | Regional Assistance Committee                           |
| <b>RACES</b>   | Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services                  |
| <b>RAG</b>     | Reliability Assessment Group                            |
| <b>RAP</b>     | Radiological Assistance Program                         |
| <b>RC</b>      | Recovery Center                                         |
| <b>RCRA</b>    | Research Conservation and Recovery Act                  |
| <b>RDD</b>     | Radiological Dispersal Device                           |
| <b>REACT</b>   | Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams          |
| <b>REAC/TS</b> | Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site     |
| <b>REEF</b>    | Radiological Emergency Evaluation Facility              |
| <b>REMP</b>    | Radiological Emergency Management Plan                  |
| <b>RERO</b>    | Radiological Emergency Response Operations              |
| <b>RFA</b>     | Request for Federal Assistance                          |
| <b>RIAT</b>    | Rapid Impact Assessment Team                            |
| <b>RIC</b>     | Reconstruction Information Center                       |
| <b>RICCS</b>   | Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System |
| <b>RM</b>      | Recovery Manager                                        |
| <b>RO</b>      | Radiological Officer                                    |
| <b>RPA</b>     | Request for Public Assistance                           |
| <b>RRCC</b>    | Regional Response Coordination Center                   |
| <b>RRIS</b>    | Rapid Response Information System (FEMA)                |
| <b>RRT</b>     | Rapid Response Team                                     |
| <b>RSO</b>     | Radiation Safety Officer                                |
| <b>S</b> _____ |                                                         |
| <b>SAC</b>     | Special Agent in Charge (FBI)                           |
| <b>SAMAS</b>   | State Automated Management Accounting System            |
| <b>SAR</b>     | Search and Rescue                                       |

---

|                |                                                      |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SARA</b>    | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act         |
| <b>SBA</b>     | Small Business Administration                        |
| <b>SCAT</b>    | Staff Coordination and Assessment Team               |
| <b>SCBA</b>    | Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus                   |
| <b>SIOC</b>    | Strategic Information and Operations Center (FBI HQ) |
| <b>SITREP</b>  | Situation Report                                     |
| <b>SLG</b>     | State and Local Guide                                |
| <b>SOP</b>     | Standard Operating Procedure                         |
| <b>SMO</b>     | State Mitigation Officer                             |
| <b>SMRAP</b>   | Southern Mutual Radiological Assistance Plan         |
| <b>SNAG</b>    | Special Needs Advisory Group                         |
| <b>SNTF</b>    | Special Needs Task Force                             |
| <b>SOCC</b>    | Synchronized Operations Command Complex              |
| <b>SQM</b>     | State Quarter Master                                 |
| <b>SR</b>      | Switch Redirect                                      |
| <b>STP</b>     | Emergency Surface Transportation Evacuation Plan     |
| <b>T</b>       | <hr/>                                                |
| <b>TAG</b>     | Technical Advisory Group                             |
| <b>TAG-EOC</b> | Technical Advisory Group Emergency Operations Center |
| <b>TIA</b>     | Terrorist Incident Appendix                          |
| <b>TMC</b>     | Traffic Management Center                            |
| <b>TRIS</b>    | Toxic Release Inventory System                       |
| <b>TSP</b>     | Telecommunications Service Priority                  |
| <b>U</b>       | <hr/>                                                |
| <b>UC</b>      | Unified Command                                      |
| <b>UCS</b>     | Unified Command System                               |
| <b>UDC</b>     | University of the District of Columbia               |
| <b>USACE</b>   | United States Army Corps of Engineers                |
| <b>USAR</b>    | Urban Search and Rescue                              |
| <b>USC</b>     | U.S. Code                                            |



---

|                            |                                                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>USCG</b>                | United States Coast Guard                             |
| <b>USDA</b>                | U.S. Department of Agriculture                        |
| <b>USDA Forest Service</b> | U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service        |
| <b>USFA</b>                | U.S. Fire Administration                              |
| <b>V</b> _____             |                                                       |
| <b>VA</b>                  | Department of Veterans Affairs                        |
| <b>VDOT</b>                | Virginia Department of Transportation                 |
| <b>VOAD</b>                | Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters           |
| <b>W</b> _____             |                                                       |
| <b>WARS</b>                | Weekly Activity Report System                         |
| <b>WASA</b>                | Water and Sewer Authority                             |
| <b>WATS</b>                | Wide Area Telephone Service                           |
| <b>WAWAS</b>               | Washington Area Warning Alert System                  |
| <b>WEHTS</b>               | Washington Elderly Handicapped Transportation Service |
| <b>WGC</b>                 | Washington Gas Company                                |
| <b>WMATA</b>               | Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority        |
| <b>WMD</b>                 | Weapons of Mass Destruction                           |
| <b>WMD-CST</b>             | WMD Civil Support Team                                |

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.